

# FACT SHEET



## Nahant Marsh Superfund Site Davenport, Iowa

May 2000

### **Proposed Prospective Purchaser Agreement and Consent Decree Available For Public Comment**

The 30-day public comment period on the Nahant Marsh Superfund Site's Prospective Purchaser Agreement and the Consent Decree begins May 23, 2000 through June 21, 2000.

Written and oral comments on the Prospective Purchaser Agreement should be sent to

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Written and oral comments on the Consent Decree should be sent to

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### **Site Update**

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 completed sediment and soil cleanup at the Nahant Marsh Superfund Site June 1999. The cleanup included excavation, treatment, and disposal of the two lead-contaminated areas of the site.

During the cleanup,

- EPA excavated 49,162 cubic yards of lead-contaminated sediment. All material was used at the Scott County Solid Waste Commission Landfill as fill material for the cover of a closed landfill cell.
- EPA excavated 10,416 cubic yards of lead contaminated soil. All material was used at the Scott County Solid Waste Commission Landfill as the existing landfill's daily cover material.

EPA, in coordination with the U. S. Department of Justice (DoJ), has signed a Consent Decree and Prospective Purchaser Agreement (PPA). The Consent Decree requires the Scott County Sportsmen's Association (SCSA) to place a conservation easement on its property to preserve the

resource in favor of the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, a non-profit conservation foundation.

Next, SCSA must transfer its property to the City of Davenport. The City will pay the purchase price to EPA under a PPA. A PPA is an agreement between the EPA and the prospective purchaser of the contaminated property. PPAs provide a covenant not to sue the purchaser of the property for potential Superfund liability due to existing contamination on the real property. In exchange, the purchaser agrees to cleanup the property or pay for the cleanup. The City obtained funds for the purchase from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and River Action, Inc. a local non-profit environmental group.

## **Site Background**

The site is located at 4220 Wapello Avenue, Davenport, Iowa, along the Mississippi River near Rock Island, Illinois. The site is owned by SCSA, an Iowa non-profit corporation. EPA mobilized to the site February 1999 to remove contaminated soil and sediments that resulted from past activities by the SCSA. SCSA acquired the property in 1969 and operated the site for approximately 20 years as a trap and skeet shooting range. An estimated several hundred tons of lead shot were deposited into the soil and sediment during the operation of the range.

In 1997, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) examined the waterfowl in the area and diagnosed them with lead poisoning.

## **Site Future**

In the PPA, the City agrees to use the property for environmental education purposes and intends to redevelop the property into a laboratory and research station. The station would be used for field biology and wetland education for high schools and junior colleges in the metropolitan area of the Quad Cities. The City also will build a public access boardwalk for viewing the marsh. River Action, Inc. has raised funds to operate the educational facility.

## **For More Information**

If you have questions or need additional information about this fact sheet, please contact:

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